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1. PREPARED REMARKS ON CYPRUS SITUATION OF LENINGRAD LECTURER
IN AUGUST 15 EVENING PRESENTATION AT CENTRAL LECTURE HALL TENDS
REINFORCE ANALYSES CONTAINED REFTEL. IMPORTANCE OF UN ROLE
RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS--PARTICULARLY SECURITY COUNCIL.
AT SAME TIME, LENINGRAD LECTURER PRACTICALLY GLOATED OVER
EFFECT OF CYPRUS SITUATION ON ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND "ITS
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SOUTHERN FLANK." THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ALLIES AND PARTNERS

WAS TERMED ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF STRATEGIC LOCATION OF CYPRUS FOR AIR AND NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS. REFERRING TO EARLIER FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN ALLIANCE, PRESENT GREEK ACTION WAS SAID TO CAUSE MUCH GREATER DAMAGE (USHCHERB) TO NATO ALLIANCE.

2. AS BROUGHT OUT IN REFTTEL, TREATMENT OF TURKEY WAS CONSPICUOUS BY ALMOST COMPLETE ABSENCE OF COMMENT ON OTHERWISE ACKNOWLEDGED FACT OF TURKISH MILITARY ACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES ATTAINED IN CURRENT TURKISH MILITARY ACTION ON CYPRUS.

3. MAKARIOS WAS MENTIONED IN PASSING FOR HIS LONG-TERM OPPOSITION TO ALLYING CYPRUS FORMALLY WITH NATO , AND OPPOSING ENOSIS

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AND CYPRIOT COMMUNIST PARTY SAID TO REPRESENT PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF CYPRUS. HOWEVER, SPEAKER ENTIRELY AVOIDED REFERENCE TO STATUS QUO ANTE, CHOOSING INSTEAD TO EMPHASIZE PRESENT IMPORTANCE OF UN ROLE IN CYPRUS SITUATION AND, IN THAT REGARD, SOVIET POSITIONS AS SET FORTH BY SOVIET UN AMBASSADOR. FINALLY, AS NOTED, DISRUPTIVE EFFECT OF CRISIS ON FUTURE OF NATO ALLIANCE FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN THIS SOVIET PROPAGANDA CHARACTERIZATION.

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